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E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED TO TREASURY ADVISOR
CHARLES K. SCIARINI TO TRAVEL TO ANTIQUA AND BARBUDA,
AND BARBADOS

REF: 091141Z JAN 06

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown warmly grants country clearance
to Treasury Advisor Charles K. Sciarini to travel to
Antigua and Barbuda from January 22 - 30, 2006 and to
Barbados from January 30 - 31, 2006.

¶2. Purpose of trip is to work with the Financial
Investigation Unit (FIU) in Antigua and meet with NAS in
Barbados.

¶3. Understand Embassy assistance is not required. If
you have any questions, P O C is Patricia Aguilera,
Narcotics Affairs Officer in Bridgetown, Tel. 1-246-436-
4950 ext 2232, Fax. 1-246-431-0262, Cell. 1-246-823-
¶3566.

¶4. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is
required to enter Antigua. No visa is required if your
stay is under six months, including those travelers
arriving with diplomatic or official passports. For
further information, travelers may contact the Embassy
of Antigua and Barbuda in Washington DC at 3216 New
Mexico Avenue, NW 20016, Tel:202-362-5122 and fax: 202-
362-5225. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is
required to enter Barbados. No visa is required if your
stay is under six months, including those travelers
arriving with diplomatic or official passports. For
further information, travelers may contact the Embassy
of Barbados, 2144 Wyoming Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.
20008, telephone 202) 939-9200.

¶6. Departure tax for Antigua is \$50.00 EC or Eastern
Caribbean currency or \$19.00 USD. Departure tax for
Barbados is BDS25.00 or USD19.00.

¶7. The following is general information pertaining to
security and health considerations throughout the
Eastern Caribbean:

Security

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel

burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes if possible.

Health Information

Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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